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SUBJ: R/V ALPHA HELIX CLEARANCE

1. AT LAST MOMENT ECUADOREAN NAVY HAS RAISED FACT THAT LOCAL LAW REQUIRES TWO OBSERVERS, REPRESENTING DIFFERENT AGENCIES, ABOARD SCIENTIFIC VESSELS. NAVATT REMONSTRATED, NOTING LATE DATE OF THIS NOTIFICATION AND FACT THAT ALPHA HELIX WAS ALREADY WELL ENROUTE TO GALAPAGOS. NAVY AGREED THAT INSISTING ON LETTER OF THE LAW AT THIS LATE DATE COULD CAUSE REAL HARDSHIP AND AGREED TO FOREGO IT, IF NECESSARY. THE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IN ANY EVENT TWO PEOPLE WOULD BE PRESENT TO GREET ALPHA HELIX AND ASKED THAT BOTH BE TAKEN IF SPACE ABOARD PERMITS.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT PASS GIST OF ABOVE TO SCRIPPS INSIITUTE AND ASK THAT IT BE PASSED TO ALPHA HELIX. MESSAGE SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT IF THERE IS SPACE FOR TWO OBSERVERS GOE WOULD APPRECIATE THEIR BOTH BEING ALLOWED TO SAIL,BUT THAT THERE IS NO, REPEAT NO, OBLIGATION TO TAKE MORE THAN ONE. BLOOMFILED

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